



## Darwin Initiative: Half Year Report

(due 31 October 2014)

**Project Ref No** DPLUS014

**Project Title**

Building capacity to develop and provide long term sustainability for St Helena's paper and card recycling unit

**Country(ies)** St Helena

**Lead Organisation** SHAPE

**Collaborator(s)**

St Helena Government (SHG), Health & Social Welfare Directorate (H&SW), Environmental Management Directorate (EMD), Enterprise St Helena (ESH).

**Project Leader** Martin Joshua

**Report date and number (eg HYR3)** April – September 2014 HYR3

**Project website**

No external website. Web page on Darwin site is  
<http://www.darwininitiative.org.uk/project/DPLUS014/>

**1. Outline progress over the last 6 months (April – Sept) against the agreed baseline timetable for the project (if your project has started less than 6 months ago, please report on the period since start up to end September).**

**Output1:** There has been an increase of production of pulp over the last four months due to the production of our pulp boards, for insulation and packaging. We are in the trial process of using borax for enhancing the durability and protection of the board

The marketing strategy improvement, such as, the tourism workshop is still going through the policy stages which should be completed before the end of the financial year.

We have researched and secured a few new lines to implement which uses the pulp through paper crete furniture. This is used with special moulds. As well as other home decor products, such as, big photo frames, shelving and tables.

With a huge interest within the island's population and the uniqueness of the above products we have found that this would increase revenue for SHAPE.

**Output2:** Although SHAPE has not officially launched the Volunteer Programme we have been able to secure 5 volunteers thus far for two days per week. This has been done through word of mouth and is proving to be very lucrative as more people have heard about the programme and are interested.

**Output3:** Overseas training is still in progress and is to be finalized.

**Output4:** The participation from the community of paper and card is still under the developing stages and we are still using the SHAPE Recycling Centre as the drop off point for waste paper at this time until we have the full collection system in place. This will only be in place once we have used the majority of the existing card and paper in storage.

We have a strong community awareness that is growing due to always incorporating the products of the recycling centre within all fundraising events and being available to inform individuals with as much information verbally as possible.

**Output5:** We continue to monitor the progress of the project working together with EMD. Due to EMD still having staff restraints we are hoping that this will be resolved in the new year.

**2a. Give details of any notable problems or unexpected developments that the project has encountered over the last 6 months. Explain what impact these could have on the project and whether the changes will affect the budget and timetable of project activities.**

One unexpected development has been a possible packaging contract, which is still in negotiation with a private business that will potentially bring a significant amount of funding into the SHAPE recycling project. If this contract is signed, the running of the recycling centre will become much more structured and production line based. It will significantly bring international exposure to SHAPE and help with new employment opportunities. The amount of paper we would be recycling for the production of this packaging would in the region of 8.4 tonnes.

**2b. Have any of these issues been discussed with LTS International and if so, have changes been made to the original agreement?**

Discussed with LTS: Yes/No

Formal change request submitted: Yes/No

Received confirmation of change acceptance Yes/No

**3a. Do you currently expect to have any significant (eg more than £5,000) underspend in your budget for this year?**

Yes  No  Estimated underspend: £

**3b. If yes, then you need to consider your project budget needs carefully as it is unlikely that any requests to carry forward funds will be approved this year.** Please remember that any funds agreed for this financial year are only available to the project in this financial year.

If you anticipate a significant underspend because of justifiable changes within the project and would like to talk to someone about the options available this year, please indicate below when you think you might be in a position to do this and what the reasons might be:

**4. Are there any other issues you wish to raise relating to the project or to Darwin's management, monitoring, or financial procedures?**

No.

**If you were asked to provide a response to this year's annual report review with your next half year report, please attach your response to this document.**

**Please note: Any planned modifications to your project schedule/workplan can be discussed in this report but **should also** be raised with LTS International through a Change Request.**

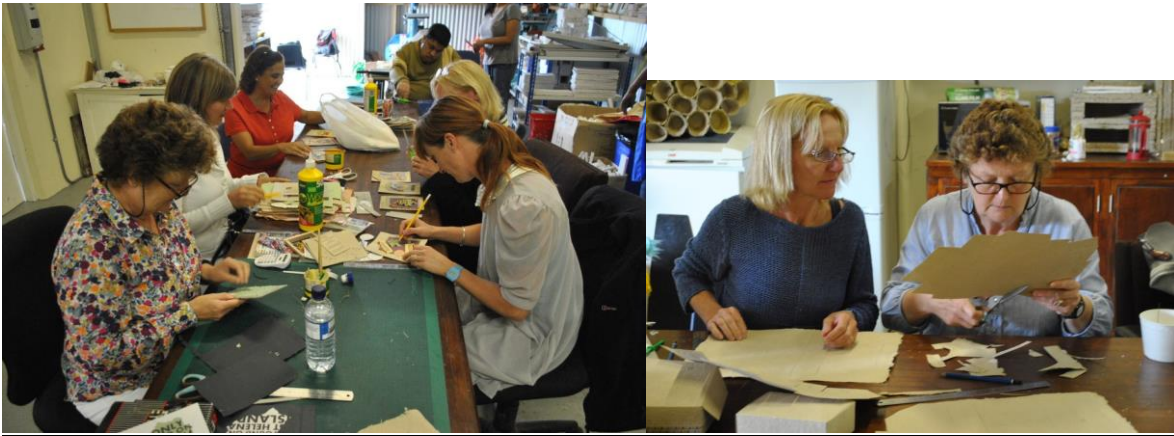
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**Annex 1**

**Pictures:**



**Insulation board trial without borax treatment.**



**Volunteers at work**